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REMARKS

Under 35 USC § 102(b), claims 1, 2, 4, and 12-18 were rejected as anticipated by Shigehara (US Pat. No. 6,194,952). Claims 3, 5-8, and 11 were rejected under 35 USC § 103 as obvious over Shigehara.

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Claims 19 and 20 were allowed. Claims 9 and 10 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

10 The limitations of allowable claim 9 are being incorporated into base claim 1, without the limitations of any intervening claims. Independent claim 12 is being amended to include a second well means. Accordingly claim 12 should also be allowable.

15 In view of the above, it is submitted that claims 1-8, 10-20, as amended, are in a position for allowance. This application was filed with formal drawings that have not been amended. Reconsideration and re-examination is respectfully requested. Allowance of the claims at an early date is solicited.

20 If the Examiner believes that a telephone interview would expedite prosecution of this application, he is invited to telephone the undersigned at (831) 476-5506.

Respectfully Submitted,

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